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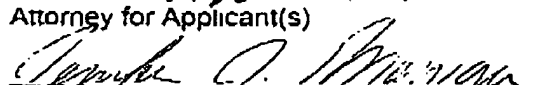
Sir:

The second Advisory Action dated 20 August 04 indicated that no claim was rejected. Thus, there are no appealable issues present. As discussed at the interview conducted 4 October 2004, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to issue a non-final Office Action setting forth the outstanding claim objections.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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